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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, Applicants hereby request a one-month Extension of Time to respond up to and including February 28, 2003. A check in the requisite amount of \$110.00 is included herewith. Additionally, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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